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Microsoft has historically ranted until they got their way. They should open up thier technology like others in the industry have to encourage competition but at the same time encouraging a community of equals on and EQUAL PLAYING FIELD. Their proposal to donate software and or hardware is hogwash. After the first few copies of a program are sold the rest is pure profit. Microsoft and Bill Gates should learn to give back through concessions and teamwork outside their company. When a standard is established their should be one standard regardless who creates it not a Microsoft version and the everyone elses as in the JAVA language.